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Title: One Nation Under God

Text: Psalms 33:1-19

America's birthday should be celebrated.

“The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever.”

— Adams wrote this in a letter to his wife, Abigail, on July 3, 1776

- American children have prayed and read the Holy Bible in schools for 355 years (1607-1962).
- Congress recommended Bibles for America and funded Christian missionaries.
- The third verse of our national anthem says, “And this be our motto, ‘In God is our trust.’”

The pilgrims were followed to New England by the Puritans, who created bible-based commonwealths. Those commonwealths practiced the same sort of representative government as their church covenants. Those governmental covenants and compacts numbered more than 100, and were the foundation for our Constitution.

- New Haven (Connecticut) and Massachusetts were founded by Puritans who wanted to reform the Church of England, who later became known as Congregationalists.
- Roger Williams founded the colony of Rhode Island based on the principle of freedom of conscience. Baptists dominated Rhode Island.
- Pennsylvania was established by William Penn as a Quaker colony.
- Maryland was a haven for Catholics from Protestant England.
- Charleston, South Carolina was chartered as a city with religious toleration.

America was indeed founded by bible-believing Christians and based on Christian principles. When they founded this country, the Founding Fathers envisioned a government that would promote and encourage Christianity.

All but two of the first 108 universities founded in America were Christian. This includes the first, Harvard, where the student handbook listed this as Rule #1: “Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation for our children to follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.”

In 1777 Continental Congress voted to spend \$300,000 to purchase Bibles which were to be distributed throughout the 13 colonies. In 1782, the United States Congress declared, "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

"America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

— Alexis de Tocqueville

"Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith."

— Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America

God is sovereign over all nations. v.10-11

God blesses the nation that seeks to know Him. v.12, 18-19